MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer*): The Chief Engineer did not ask the Government to treat this as urgent.

MR. T. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Neyyattinkara II*): May I know the shortest period within which usually a report is sent to Government for final orders?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer*): I do not know. It all depends on the matter the report contains.

Cut in the salary of Government servants.

29. ❋ MR. T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI (*Tiruvalla III*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether they have accepted the resolution passed in the Sri Mulam Assembly regarding the cut in the salary of the Government servants in the State; and

(*b*) the reasons for not giving effect to this representation?

MR. C. S. KRISHNASWAMI AIYAR (*Ag Financial Secretary to Government*): (*a*) and (*b*). In view of the standardization of salaries, that was then in contemplation and subsequently brought into effect, Government consider that no further action is necessary for the time being on the resolution in question.

MR. T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI (*Tiruvalla III*): May I know from the member the date on which the resolution was passed in this House?

MR. C. S. KRISHNASWAMI AIYAR (*Ag. Financial Secretary to Government*): I think it was during the Budget Session last year. I do not remember the exact date.

MR. T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI (*Tiruvalla III*): May I know from the member the date on which the standardization scheme was given effect to?

MR. C. S. KRISHNASWAMI AIYAR (*Ag. Financial Secretary to Government*): The standardization scheme was given effect to from the 1st Edavam 1110.

MR. T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI (*Tiruvalla III*): May I know from Government whether it was given effect to after giving an opportunity to this House to express its opinion?

MR. C. S. KRISHNASWAMI AIYAR (*Ag. Financial Secretary to Government*): No.

MR. T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI (*Tiruvalla III*): May I know from the member whether, according to the standardization scheme, the salary of permanent public servants has been reduced in 1110?

MR. C. S. KRISHNASWAMI AIYAR (*Ag. Financial Secretary to Government*): Yes; of those who newly enter service after Edavam 1110.

MR. T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI (*Tiruvalla III*): May I know from the member the amount thus saved by Government?

MR. C. S. KRISHNASWAMI AIYAR (*Ag. Financial Secretary to Government*): It is not possible to say exactly.

MR. T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI (*Tiruvalla III*): May I know at least approximately?

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MR. C. S. KRISHNASWAMI AIYAR (*Ag. Financial Secretary to Government*) : Not possible please. Each vacancy has to be considered. In the case of acting appointments there has been an immediate lump saving as the new scales came into operation at once.

MR. T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI (*Tiruvalla III*): My question is with regard to permanent men in the public service.

MR. C. S. KRISHNASWAMI AIYAR (*Ag. Financial Secretary to Government*) . As regards permanent appointments there have been some vacancies already which have not been filled up since 32-10-1109. In filling up those vacancies only the revised sanctioned scales of pay is given effect to.

PRESIDENT : In short the exact amount cannot be said at once.

MR. T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI (*Tiruvalla III*) : Sir, my question is whether according to the Standardization scheme the salary of permanent men has been reduced in the year 1110, and I want to know the amount saved by that reduction.

MR. C. S. KRISHNASWAMI AIYAR (*Ag. Financial Secretary to Government*) : I do not follow the question.

PRESIDENT: The Government member complains that he does not understand exactly what you asked. Your question is "Has the standardization scheme been so framed as to reduce also the salary of officers who are already in service ?"

MR. C. S. KRISHNASWAMI AIYAR (*Ag. Financial Secretary to Government*): That is not the object of standardization. No immediate reduction is involved.

PRESIDENT: The object is prospective and not retrospective.

MR. T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI (*Tiruvalla III*): May I know then whether the salary cut question was not given effect to in the year 1110 ?

MR. C. S. KRISHNAWAMI AIYAR (*Ag. Financial Secretary to Government*): There are two things to consider. One is a permanent reduction in the cost of establishment which is effected by standardisation and the other is a temporary reduction that can be effected by a cut in salaries. In view of the first being given effect to, where reduction can be prospective only, the other question of immediate reduction, also by a cut in salaries, was not taken up.

MR. T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI (*Tiruvalla III*); May I know whether any amount was saved in 1110 in giving effect to standardization ?

PRESIDENT : The answer is obvious. The Government member says that the answer is evident.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*) : May I know from the member, when the scheme was brought into effect, what was the savings he expected to make in 1110 and 1111 ?

MR. C. S. KRISHNASWAMI AIYAR (*Ag. Financial Secretary to Government*): When the standardization scheme was given effect to, it could not be expected to give any saving at the time. Savings can be made only

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year by year. After a few years, the savings would reach their maximum. But a salary cut saving could be appreciable. But the standardization savings cannot be appreciable. Only when the scheme is completely given effect to, it is possible to see the full amount of savings actually effected.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*): May I know whethe the Government have not any idea of the savings on account of the salary as a result of standardization in 1111?

MR. C. S. KRISHNASWAMI AIYAR (*Ag. Financial Secretary to Government*): We are only in the stage of investigation, collecting materials, etc.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*): May I understand that the Financial Secretary is quite in the dark in regard to this?

PRESIDENT: The answer is already given. The answer was the standardization was expected to have a prospective effect and not a retrospective effect. Therefore the Government member says that the prospective result is yet to be known. So the savings cannot now be anticipated even on actuarial basis. Vacancies will occur and they will be filled up on the new scales of pay and thus savings will be only building themselves up. That is, I think, the Financial Secretary's answer.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*): Was it not known that an immediate reduction in salary was intended to have an immediate saving of expenditure?

PRESIDENT: Only to the extent that it may occur in future.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*): Was it known to the Government that the recommendations of this House that the salary cut should be effected was with a view to make immediate savings in expenditure?

MR. C. S. KRISHNASWAMI AIYAR (*Ag. Financial Secretary to Government*): Yes.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*): May I know from the member how the standardization scheme would be a substitute for the salary cut motion?

MR. C. S. KRISHNASWAMI AIYAR (*Ag. Financial Secretary to Government*): It may be said that the effect of one is temporary and the other is permanent.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon I*): May I know from Government whether they are aware that the resolution passed in the House is aimed at solving a problem which arose on account of a particular situation and that situation is also subsisting at present?

MR. C. S. KRISHNASWAMI AIYAR (*Ag. Financial Secretary to Government*): I think that that situation is passed.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon I*): May I know from the member whether it is due to the economic stringency and the need for giving relief to the ryot that the salary cut is proposed?

MR. C. S. KRISHNASWAMI AIYAR (*Ag. Financial Secretary to Government*): The honourable member is aware that it is so.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon I*): May I know from the Government that they are now of opinion that situation is passed?

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MR. C. S. KSISHNASWAMI AIYAR (*Ag. Financial Secretary to Government*) : I think to a great extent it has passed now.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon I*) : May I know whether Government is of opinion that the circumstances which prompted the resolutions till subsists now in an aggravated form ?

MR. C S. KRISHNASWAMI AIYAR (*Ag. Financial Secretary to Government*) : I am not quite sure whether they exist in the same form now. Conditions have changed for the better to some extent. But that is not the only consideration on which the salary cut is not proposed to be given effect to. The salary cut was proposed with a view to keep down the expenditure on salaries which was very high but question of a permanent cut was under consideration at the same time. And of the two the Government thought it better that a permanent cut should be given effect to. So a temporary cut in salaries was not given effect to, to tide over the present difficulty. It is not necessary to go in for a cut now when, even in places where it was given effect to elsewhere, the cut is being restored.

Reduction of the expenditure on salaries.

30. ✻ MR. N. E. VARUGHESE (*Tiruvalla I*) : Will the Government be pleased to state the steps taken by the Government on the resolution passed in this Assembly at the last Budget Session for reducing the expenditure on salaries ?

MR. C. S. KRISHNASWAMI AIYAR (*Ag. Financial Secretary to Government*): In view of the standardization of salaries, that was then in contemplation and subsequently brought into effect, Government consider that no further action is necessary for the time being on the resolution in question.

MR. E. V. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Pattanamtitta*) : Sir, that is an identical question.

PRESIDENT : Then let us pass on to the next one.

Interest realised from the defaulting purchasers of Forest Coupes

31. ✻ MR. K. P. KRISHNA MENON (*Parur*) : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) with reference to the answer to question No. 316 (*b*), given during the Third Session of this Assembly, whether they are aware that different rates of interest are being realised in different Divisions ; and

(*b*) if the answer to part (*a*) is in the affirmative, the reasons, if any, for the same ?

MR T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*) : (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) The levy of interest on belated payments of revenue is effected by way of penalty as provided for and agreed to by the contracting parties in the concerned agreements according to the specific character and importance of the undertakings and obligations involved.

MR. K. P. KRISHNA MENON (*Parur*) May I know from the Government whether the Forest Department have notified in the Gazette about the different rates of interest that are charged in different divisions?

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